



CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic School is to provide a setting that ignites a joyful spirit of Christian discipleship in collaboration with families, staff, and the parish in a personalized learning culture.

April 2, 2020

Protecting God's Children Workshops

The Archdiocese of Detroit's "Protecting God's Children" workshop is held periodically throughout the Archdiocese. EVERY classroom or lunchroom volunteer or employee needs to have attended. To find a session that fits your schedule, go to www.virtus.org and select "First Time Registrant." Then choose "view list" of class sites, and choose "Detroit." Scroll through to find your session, then go back to the top of that page to create your login.

When attending a "PGC" workshop, be sure to be on time, as the Archdiocese does not allow latecomers to enter.

All volunteers working with children must have attended a "PGC" workshop.

Remember: you need to complete this workshop in order to volunteer for field day or camp or to chaperone field trips.

If you have recently attended a "PGC" workshop, please send a copy of your certificate to school ASAP so we have it on file--thank you!

SCRIP OFFICE is closed as long as school is.

COVID Impact

We hope you've all been enjoying this extra time with your children. Perhaps it's not what any of us would have chosen--but sometimes life doesn't offer us choices; so we roll with what we get. (grateful that it isn't worse) Thank you all for making distance learning work for your children as well as it has been.

As of now: we will return to school on April 13, when the Governor's "stay-at-home" order expires. (If that order is extended, we will adjust that return date accordingly.)

The Archdiocese of Detroit has assured us that its schools are not subject to the recent questions on the acceptability of distance learning, and that our students are on track to finish the year as planned.

Third Quarter Report Cards

Since we will not be able to deliver report cards in person, they will be in the mail to your home mailbox next week. Look for them to arrive later in the week.

Mark Your Calendar....

- **W April 8: YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE IN SCHOOL! Please mail early!!**
- **Th & F April 9&10: Holy Thursday and Good Friday--distance learning attendance NOT required**
- **April 13: WE HOPE to be back in school! Watch your email for updates as they become known.**

Registration for 2020-21

It's already time to plan for next year! Registration packets for the 2020-21 school year went home with your oldest "Crusader" on Thursday, March 12. (Look for the "early registration" discount! --noting all obligations for the current school year (including tuition, fees and service credits) must be completed to be eligible.) The packet also included financial aid information--it's time to apply for that, as well!

Archdiocesan Grants

Applications for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Detroit for 2020-21 are now being accepted. For information visit aod.org at this page:

<https://aod.app.box.com/s/f230lua8zrtvv44k9figxqob0x20rasm>

To apply for the Archdiocesan grant: go to your FACTS account and look for "apply for tuition assistance". Application is done online, and there is a small fee. You will also need to print the "Pastor's Signature" page and get your (Archdiocese of Detroit parish) pastor's signature as part of your application. After you have his signature, fax or email the Pastor Signature page to the school office: school@holycrossonline.net.

Your application and all supporting paperwork must be complete and submitted by April 30 in order to qualify for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Detroit. Your applying for this help is required if you expect to apply for "local" tuition help, as well.

Please note that as of today **we are NOT aware of an extension to the April 30 application deadline,** so PLEASE BE SURE TO APPLY ASAP!

Applications for Bartone Grants and Other Local Tuition Assistance

...are now available through the school office. **Applications are due May 29.** But remember: the first step is getting your Archdiocesan Grant application in! See the preceding paragraph.

YEARBOOK

It is time to order your 2019-20 Holy Cross yearbook! It will be full-color, 28 pages long (much like last year's), available by pre-order only for \$15 each. The yearbooks will arrive in May. There is an order form in this newsletter--**orders need to be in the school office by 10:00 AM next WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8.** You can mail your order: make checks out to "OLR" and mail to school at 618 South Water Street, Marine City 48039

Please note that extra books will NOT be ordered: if you want one, please mail your order to school to arrive before April 8.

Two Days Off Next Week

Next Thursday and Friday (April 9 and 10) are Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Those will be days off from school distance learning in respect of Our Lord's Passion and sacrifice for us. Please set aside some time for prayer and reflection those days.

VG's Receipts

Please keep saving those entire paper VG's receipts, including the "Direct Your Dollars" paragraph. ("E-receipts" are not accepted.) We will continue to collect those receipts until the store tells us to stop! Receipts can be dropped off at the school office (or SCRIP office) when you're out and about, or turned in at the rectory, or in the box at the river entrance at church.

Spirit Wear

You can order pullover hoodies, hats and bags with the new crest at <https://holycrosscatholic.itemorder.com/sale>.

Please note that hoodies will NOT be approved as uniform wear for 2020-21.

You can follow us on Instagram: #mholycross--and write a review for our school's Facebook page!

CORONAVIRUS

We continue to stay in daily contact with the Health Department, and are reviewing and updating our protocols and procedures.

The Health Department advises all to maintain cleanliness of frequently-touched surfaces (e.g. doorknobs, light switches, desks, keyboards, counter-tops, bathroom surfaces...). They also advise teaching and reviewing proper handwashing techniques and other ways of reducing disease transmission (e.g. coughing or sneezing into a tissue or elbow) with children.

When we are able to return to school: school policy requires students who have flu-like symptoms or a fever to remain away from school. Reducing a fever with medication does **not** eliminate the cause of the fever, and **the student must still stay away from school** until the fever is gone naturally.

We are lucky in already being set up for distance learning. With our Chrome-books and Google classroom / IXL work, online learning is already in place for our 1-8 students, and electronic (and other) communications are being planned for our Kindergartners to keep them learning, too.

"Amazon Smile"

Do you shop online? You can designate Holy Cross to receive credit from online shopping through Amazon Smile! We are registered in Amazon Smile as "Holy Cross School Marine City:"

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1542098>

Marine City Little League

...needs a few more girls for its 8&under league (born in 2011 and 2012): email info@marinecitylittleleague.com

Service Credits: Scheduling Bingo Shifts...

Families interested in working some of their service credits at Wednesday bingos (at St Catherine activity center in Algonac): please contact **Paul Burger** at **734.837.5807**. Help will be needed most Wednesdays once public gatherings resume: one should fit your schedule.

You can also see what bingo shifts are available by going to:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tHDtUA2KfrP527QHudAS6gNvLE0OV6XuX770ZHXqFg/edit?ts=5d4c47eb>

"Box Tops for Education"

Just a reminder about "how to" digitally save those little box tops...download the app, scan the receipt, and you've done it! For details on the new program, please go to:

<https://www.bboxtops4education.com/newbtfte>

(There's a short you tube video with hints on how to scan: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWuXDKejVEg&feature=youtu.be>)

As long as you see "Box Tops" on packages, please do continue to clip and send them in--they will be honored until their expiration dates.

Holy Cross on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/holycrosscatholiccmc/>

ORDER YOUR 2019-20 YEARBOOK!

This year's yearbook will be 28 pages long (much like last year's) and filled with full-color photos and memories. The books will be expected to be here in May and will be available **by pre-order only**—reserve your copy today! Cost is \$15 per book.

Family name _____

Students' names _____

of yearbooks ordered _____ X \$15 each = \$ _____ enclosed

Checks can be made out to "OLR." When they arrive, your yearbooks will be delivered to the student(s) you have named above.

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